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SUBJECT: MARITIME AFFAIRS - INTRODUCTION OF LASH
(LIGHTER ABOARD SHIP) SERVICE.

1. CAPTAIN MAGUREGUI, AGENT FOR DELTA LINES, TODAY INFORMED MARITIME ATTACHE THAT HE HAS COMPLETED TALKS THIS WEEK WITH DIRECTORS OF CUSTOMS, MERCHANT MARINE AND PORT SERVICES.

2. DURING TALKS, NONE OF ABOVE NAMED DIRECTORS VOICED OBJECTIONS TO INTRODUCTION OF LASH INTO VENEZUELA ALTHOUGH ADMIRAL PASTOR NARANJOL DIRECTOR OF MERCHANT MARINE, STATED THAT HE FEARS THAT LASH SERVICE MAY HAVE SERIOUS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR CAVN (VENEZUELAN LINE) FLEET. HOWEVER, MAGUREGUI ASSURED HIM THAT EXISTENCE OF 50-50 AGREEMENTS WILL PREVENT ANY SUCH EVENTUALITY, ACCORDING TO DELTA LINES AGENT.

3. IMPRESSION GIVEN MAGUREGUI BY DIRECTORS IS THAT LABOR HAS THE FINAL WORK BUT MAGUREGUI IS CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN CONVINCE PORT WORKERS UNION CHIEF, WITH WHOM HE HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED, OF THE OVERALL BENEFITS OF THE INNOVATIVE SYSTEM.

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4. IN VIEW OF WHAT MAGUREGUI TERMS SUCCESS OF TALKS,
CAPTAIN CLARK OF DELTA LINES HAS ACCEPTED HIS AGENT'S
RECOMMENDATION THAT LASH VESSEL DELTA MAR INCLUDE PUERTO
CABELLO AS A PORT OF CALL ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE DURING
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